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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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Petition of KMC Telecom III, Inc. to Surrender)
Its Certificate to Provide Resold and)
Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange)
and Resold Interexchange Telecommunications)
Services Within the State of Illinois)

Docket No.

02-0473

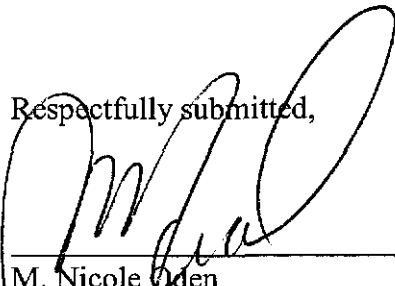
PETITION

KMC Telecom III, Inc. ("KMC III" or "Petitioner"), by its attorneys, respectfully surrenders its Certificate to Provide Competitive Local Exchange and Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of Illinois. The Commission granted this authority to KMC III in Docket Number 01-0359 on November 19, 2001.

KMC III has recently reviewed its marketing and business plans and has determined that this certification is not necessary for its operations, and only serves to add an additional regulatory burden onto the Commission. Accordingly, KMC III respectfully requests cancellation of its local exchange and interexchange certification in the State of Illinois. In addition, Petitioner notes that it does not have any customers in the state and, as such, there will be no adverse impact on Illinois consumers by immediately granting the Petitioner's request.

WHEREFORE, KMC TELECOM III, INC. requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission accept the surrender of KMC Telecom III, Inc.'s Certificate to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange and Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services within the State of Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: July 16, 2002

VERIFICATION

State of New Jersey :

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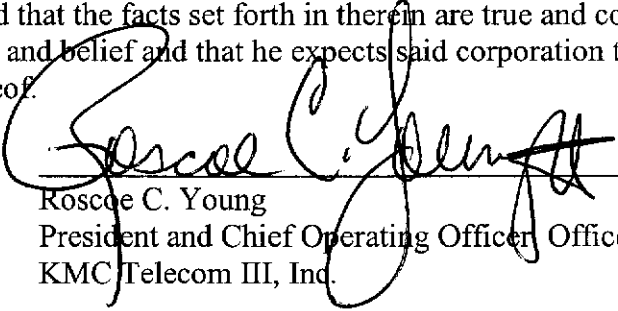
County of Somerset :

Roscoe C. Young, Affiant, being duly [sworn/affirmed] according to law, deposes and says that:

He is the President and Chief Operating Officer (Office of Affiant) of KMC Telecom III, Inc.

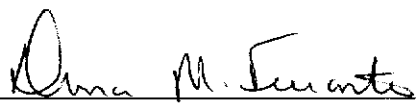
That he is authorized to and does make this affidavit for said corporation;

That he has read the forgoing Petition, and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief and that he expects said corporation to be able to prove the same at any hearing hereof.



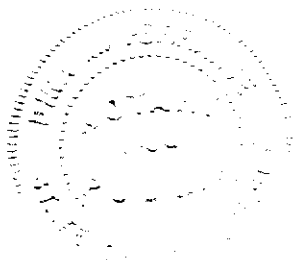
Roscoe C. Young
President and Chief Operating Officer, Officer
KMC Telecom III, Inc.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th day of July, 2002



Signature of official administering oath

My commission expires _____



DINA M. FERRANTE
Notary Public, State of New Jersey
My Commission Expires August 6, 2006